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figured in the Botanical Magazine; *P. Brandegei* is the *Gilia Brandegei*, Gray. He restores *Collomia* to generic rank and describes one new species. *Navarretia*, Ruiz and Pavon, is also recognized, and 24 former *Giliae* named under it, including eight new species.

Preparation of Agarics for the Herbarium.—James E. Humphrey. (Bot. Gazette, xii., p. 271).

Silphium perfoliatum and *Dipsacus laciniatus* in regard to insects—*A study of*.—W. J. Beal and C. E. St. John. (Bot. Gazette, xii., p. 268).

Species—New or Noteworthy.—Edward L. Greene. (Pittonia, i., pp. 139-143).

Sidalcea Hickmani, *Clarkia Saxeana*, *Phacelia nemoralis* and *Allocarya scripta* are new. Two species of *Eucharidium* are given names under *Clarkia*; *Phlox gracilis*=*Gilia gracilis*, Hook.; and the specific name of Dr. Watson's recent *Cuphea viridostoma* is objected to as ungrammatical and made *C. mesochloa*.

Tricothecium griseum.—J. B. Ellis. (Journ. Mycol., iii., p. 126).

Uromyces—A new.—Byron D. Halsted. (Journ. Mycol., iii., p. 138).

Description of *U. digitatus*, found on *Leersia Virginica* near Ames, Iowa.

Botanical Notes.

Etude sur les Algues Parasites des Paresseux.—Mme. A. Weber van Bosse. (Nat. Verhand., Holland, Maatsch. der Wetenschappen, Haarlem, 1887; two plates).

This is a very interesting account of a symbiotic alga inhabiting the hairs of the Sloths and giving to their fur its frequent green coloring. As these animals live in the warm, moist, tropical forests, the algæ multiply immensely in the spongy tissue of the hairs, crowding the cells and penetrating even to the horny centres. After giving a resumé of the work and methods of investigation, the author describes two new genera and three new species: *Trichophilus Welckeri*, *Cyanoderma Bradypodis* and *C. Cholæpodis*.

A Botanical Section of the Biological Society of Washington has recently been established, holding its first meeting on Jan. 4th, when papers were read by Professors Burgess, Knowlton, Tracy and Miss Southworth. Mr. Crozier is Secretary. We wish the new organization success and permanence.

Proceedings of the Club.

The regular monthly meeting was held at Columbia College on Tuesday evening, Dec. 13; Vice-President Hogg in the chair and forty-nine persons present.

Messrs. Henry Edwards and Smith Ely Jelliffe were elected Active Members.

Dr. T. J. W. Burgess, of London, Canada; Prof. John Macoun, of Ottawa; Isaac Holden, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Prof. Byron D. Halsted, of Ames, Iowa; O. F. Cook, of Syracuse; James Vroom, of St. Stephen, New Brunswick; C. E. Smith, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Geo. E. Post, of Beirut, Syria, and Prof. J. F. James, of Oxford, Ohio, were elected Corresponding Members.

Dr. Britton introduced the subject of the preparation of a new list of the plants of New York City and vicinity to serve as a basis for a local descriptive Flora. He advocated the printing at once of a bare check-list of the species and varieties known to grow within the circle of 100 miles radius from the city, which should be freely distributed to all botanists of the region, with a request for their notes on the distribution of the plants and for additions to the list. On motion the following committee was appointed to prepare and issue such a list: Messrs. J. F. Poggenburg, Addison Brown, Thos. C. Porter, E. E. Sterns, E. B. Southwick, Arthur Hollick and N. L. Britton.

The Secretary read a communication from Dr. Rusby containing a plea to the Postmaster General to exercise his power in recommending to Congress a change in the existing postal laws by which it shall be made legal to send through the United States mail together with Natural History specimens and without thereby increasing the rate of postage, written labels bearing the name, place and date of collection, and name of the collector of the specimen with which they are associated. The desirability of this change was made the subject of remark by several mem-